

The Columbian Exchange

Causes

- Age of exploration begins.
- Europeans bring plants and animals to the Americas.
- Europeans bring new foods back to Europe from the Americas.



Columbian Exchange

- A transfer of food crops from one continent to another
- A vast global change that would profoundly impact the world
- Named for Columbus, whose voyage began the exchange



Effects

- Columbus and other Europeans journey to new lands.
- Native American diets improve; horses and donkeys transport goods and people.
- Corn and potatoes become two main foods in Europe.
- New crops lead to population growth all over the world.
- Millions of people migrate.
- Populations wiped out by disease and war.